II

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON CENTRAL SUBJECTS.

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I raise my point of order? There are subjects administered by the Government of Madras as agents to the Government of India. They are Central subjects."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" What are the subjects ? "

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I cannot give an exhaustive list. The subject that came up this morning was emigration which was a Central subject. This Government is administering the subject as their agent and they say they cannot answer any question as they are merely acting as the agents. I submit to you, Sir, that so long as they administer the subject whether as an agent or not they are bound to answer the questions when they are admitted to be in order by you."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" There is considerable difficulty involved in the point raised. I should like to discuss this with the hon. Member in my room."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Much obliged, Sir."

III

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. Copy of the report [a] called for with reference to the answer given to question No. 88 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th September 1928 regarding the transfer of the Guntur Sarishtadar.

2. Proceedings [b] of the 3rd to the 7th meetings of the Finance Committee for 1928–29 held from the 7th to the 11th January 1929.

IV

COMMITTEE FOR ENQUIRING INTO THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE DISTRICTS OF KISTNA, GODAVARI EAST AND GODAVARI WEST.

12 noon. * The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the House that, as a result of the voting for election of seven Members of this Council to the Committee for enquiring into the economic condition of the districts of Kistna, Godavari East and Godavari West, the following Members have been declared duly elected :—

1. Mr. D. Narayana Raju.
2. Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
3. Mr. B. Venkataratnam.
4. Mr. K. V. R. Swami.
5. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.
6. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar.
7. Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi.

V

THE MADRAS SERVICES COMMISSION BILL, 1929.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have also to inform the House that in respect of the Madras Services Commission Bill, which was referred to a Select Committee yesterday, I have appointed Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar as the Chairman of the Select Committee."

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[a] Printed as Appendix XIX at page 667 infra.
[b] Printed separately.